

# How to Raise Kids with a Biblical Worldview that Sticks

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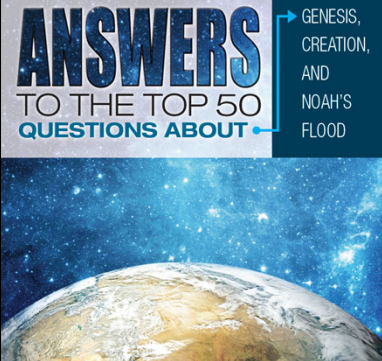
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Conclusion of the Matter

**A Christian's faith and eternal effectiveness will only be maximized if they fully believe the history of the Bible and are empowered by the Holy Spirit.**




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Our Plan Today

- 🔻 Let's talk about Worldviews
- 🔻 What are the worldview-beliefs-outcome challenges with today's youth?
- 🔻 What are the life results of living from a Biblical Worldview?
- 🔻 How to strengthen your student's Biblical Worldview




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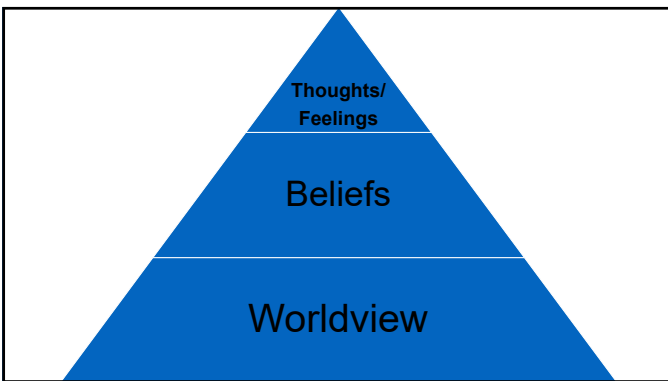
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### Worldview Definition

⚠ Although the Bible never uses the word “worldview,” in Colossians 2:6-8, we are commanded to be able to discern and discard false philosophy-which is essentially worldview.

⚠ “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world, rather than on Christ.”



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### What Shapes a Worldview?



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### Where Does a Christian Worldview Come From, Really?



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**Got Questions**  
for Questions, Biblical Answers

## 3 Worldview Questions

- △ Where did we come from and why are we here?
- △ What is wrong with the world?
- △ How can we fix it?

**We'll provide practical, how-to ways to shore this up with your kids! But first, we need to view the landscape ...**

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## The Bad News & The Good News

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### A Good Rule...

- △ In most situations, we need to really understand the problem before we prescribe a cure.
- △ "Never present a problem without a solution."
- △ We'll first define the problem (the bad news)
- △ Then we'll present practical, take-home, "this will really work" solutions!

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**CHRISTIANITY DAILY**

BY SARAH MAE SALONGI  
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### Only 6% Of Americans Believe Biblical Worldview, Barna Survey Reveals

- 🔹 May 2021 by Family Research Council: 37 questions and 1,000 people.
- 🔹 Key: Only 6% of Americans are holding on to and believing a biblical worldview.
- 🔹 Faithwire noted that while 51% of the 1,000 respondents polled stated they believe in a biblical worldview, the current research found that just roughly 6% genuinely do.
- 🔹 "Every Christian can and should obtain a biblical worldview which is only achieved when a person believes that the Bible is true, authoritative, and then taught how it is applicable to every area of life, which enables them to live out those beliefs," FRC President Tony Perkins hopes.



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- 🔹 "Growing skepticism about the Bible, especially among young people ... is a leading cause of the precipitous decline of biblical worldview in America."
- 🔹 "Stunning new results from the American Worldview Inventory 2020 found that the number of Americans who believe that the Bible is true is down by 21% since 2000."
- 🔹 "This parallels a similarly precipitous 50% decrease in the biblical worldview in America over the same time period, from 12% to the current 6%—the lowest number ever recorded."



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## How the Numbers Change by Category

**How Many Adults Fall Within These Faith Categories?**

Description of the category	Percent of adults	Number of adults
Self-identified Christians	69%	176 million
Self-identified born-again Christians	35	89 million
Self-identified evangelical Christians	28	71 million
Theologically born-again Christians	28	71 million
Integrated Disciples - possess a biblical worldview	6	15 million

Source: National research conducted by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.

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Comparison of Religious Beliefs of Five "Christian" Segments						Cultural Research Center ARIZONA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Belief	—Self-identified Faith Segment—Theologically					
	Christian	Born-again Christian	Evangelical Christian	Born-again	Integrated Disciple	
Bible is the accurate, reliable word of God	52%	60%	58%	74%	99+%	Key Survey Questions
Determining moral truth is up to each individual; there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time	52	65	65	40	25	
God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect and just creator of the universe who rules that universe today	61	72	69	83	99+	
Having faith matters more than which faith you have	66	77	74	56	42	
Your most trusted, primary source of moral guidance is your feelings, experiences, or advice from friends and family	71	69	65	54	4	
A person who is generally good, or does enough good things for others, will earn a place in Heaven	58	60	61	37	5	

Source: Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University; N=5,000 adults 18 or older, nationally representative sample.

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The AWWI 2020 shows that people's beliefs about the Bible **directly correlate with whether they develop a biblical worldview**. Unsurprisingly, those who **believe the Bible is the true word of God** are much more likely to have a biblical worldview. Conversely, those more skeptical of the Bible—a rapidly increasing number of American adults—are less likely to have a biblical worldview.

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- Four out of every ten people (41%) believe that the Bible is the word of God and contains no factual or historical errors. One out of every seven of those adults (14%) has a biblical worldview.
- 13% of Americans who attend Evangelical churches, and 21% of those who attend hold a biblical worldview, the highest of all faith groups looked at in the study.

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💧 "Born-again" Christians constitute one-third of the population (33%) but less than one out of five holds a biblical worldview (19%)

💧 Barna admonished, "Remember, **people do what they believe**. This research underscores the fact that **growing numbers of people are moving away from believing that the Bible is true, relevant, and valuable for our lives**. Christian churches cannot keep doing what we have been doing in ministry for the past 30 years and assuming that things will get better."

💧 Thank God for **Bayside's Bible Conference!**

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**George Barna Quotes**

💧 "One of the big things that we discovered was that literally a majority of Americans believe that they have a biblical worldview. I mentioned before only 6% actually have one; 51% of American adults think they have a biblical worldview. That's significant because it tells us that it might be a tougher job to get people to pay attention than we would like to believe, because they think they've already figured it out."

💧 "This speaks to the issue that most people really don't even understand how a worldview operates. I mentioned before that it's your **decision-making filter in life**, which means that **it really does affect every aspect of your life**."

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Do You Actually Have A Biblical Worldview?  
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**What are Students Up Against in this World?**

How can we reinforce their worldviews:

Where did we come from and why are we here?

What is wrong with the world?

How can we fix it?

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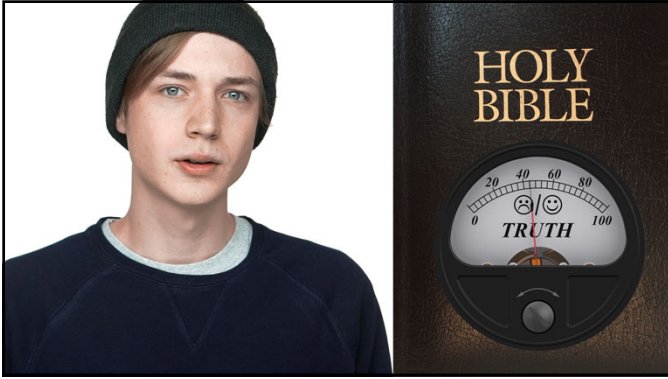
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Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, with all your **soul**, with all your **strength**, and with all your **mind**,” (Luke 2:27)

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**Christian Experience and Dedication**

**COGNITIVE DISSONANCE**

Why doesn't the Bible line up with "science"?



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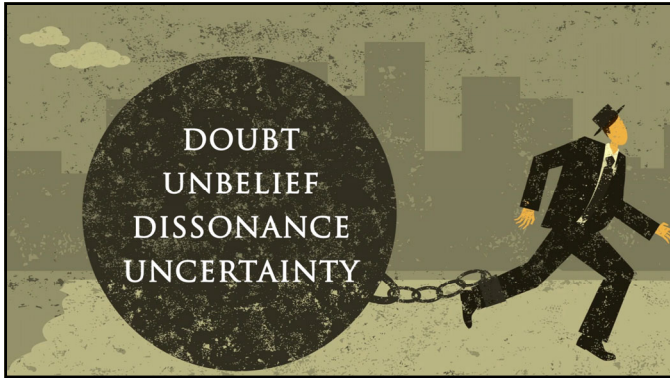
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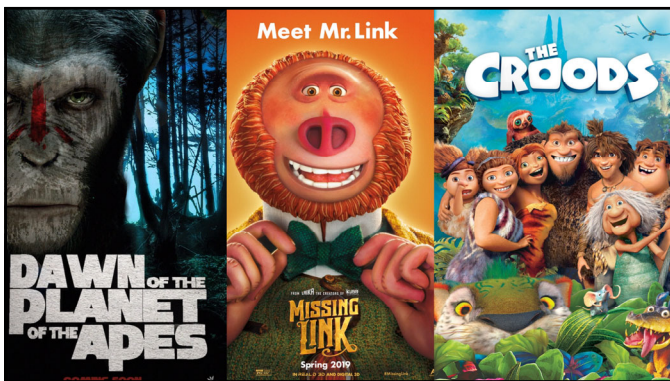
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### What happens psychologically to students learning evolution?

Chance → Millions of Years → Evolution → Apes → Mankind → Views about God → My Role in the World → My Purpose → My Choices → My Life → Chance

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### What happens psychologically to students grounded in Creation?

Almighty Loving God → On Day Six → Creates Adam, then Eve, with Intention → Dominion over the Earth → Be Fruitful & Multiply → Views about God → My Role in the World → My Purpose → My Choices → My Life → Almighty Loving God

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### What's Going to Happen in College?

- 💧 Battle of the worldviews
- 💧 Origins
- 💧 Races
- 💧 Purpose
- 💧 Strength
- 💧 Accountability
- 💧 Lifestyle

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**Required Classes**

- 🔻 Geology
- 🔻 Astronomy
- 🔻 Natural Sciences
- 🔻 Biology
- 🔻 Anthropology
- 🔻 Earth Science
- 🔻 Fossils
- 🔻 Dinosaurs

**SAME DATA  
DIFFERENT  
WORLDVIEW**




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**Okay...**

**Enough of the bad news...**

**What's the Solution?**




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**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”




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Biblical Worldview Guides

- △ Proverbs 8:32: "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways."
- △ Proverbs 14:26: "In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge."
- △ Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."




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Matthew 7:24-27

Build on the Rock

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."




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Practical Solutions

- △ Practice What you Preach: Your kids need to see you genuinely live out your faith. Parents who put on a good show in public, but don't live their views at home make the kids resent them and rebel when they grow up.
- △ Teach them to fear the Lord.
- △ How is the fear of the Lord developed?
- △ By understanding, at a root level, that God is real, from both experience and beliefs.
- △ Choices and consequences
- △ Develop the head and the heart.




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### Practical Solutions

- 🔻 **Develop** good relationships with your kids.
- 🔻 If it's all about how they behave and there's no relationship, the kids tend to rebel.
- 🔻 Love your kids and care about their interests and show them some grace. Don't run them down for every mistake.
- 🔻 Develop their unique gifts.
- 🔻 They have to be able to be pleased. Invest time and energy in what matters to your kids.




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### Rules without relationship is rebellion...

*Remember:*

- CAREGIVER (0-2)**
- COP (3-10)**
- COACH (11-18ish)**
- CONSULTANT (18+)**




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### Owning their Faith

- 🔻 Is the focus on the outward rules or the inward belief?
- 🔻 If it's all about acting properly on the outside, you can get kids who blend in and follow the rules to fit in with their social circle, but they don't truly believe and so when they don't have the same peer pressures, they leave the faith and no longer pretend.
- 🔻 They need their own true belief. They have to be committed to the faith on their own. They can't just borrow the faith and practice of their parents. It can't be externally applied. It won't last.

**Go to Mexico with Bayside!**  
**Send your Student to Torchbearers!**




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### Actions & Consequences

- ⚠ Are they able to develop their own self-control and given trust? Kids need practice in making their own decisions before they leave home.
- ⚠ It doesn't work to have parents completely run their lives until 18 and then expect them to suddenly have the self-control and wisdom to make good choices on their own. They need to grow into making their own choices, which means a **gradual shift** into more and more responsibility and freedom.
- ⚠ Sudden freedom that they don't know how to handle can turn out poorly. It's also not going to build a good relationship with the parents if the parents never trust them or give them space to make their own decisions.




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### Train them Well

- ⚠ Are they given reasons and evidence for the faith or just expected to believe because that's what we do? Children who are not given evidence and are expected to blindly believe may leave the faith when they encounter challenges to faith (often at college).
- ⚠ Be sure to teach so that they are truly convinced and not easily swayed.
- ⚠ They should be aware of the most common arguments used by skeptics and prepared to answer them.
- ⚠ Don't be shocked or offended when kids question. It's a normal part of investigating for themselves.




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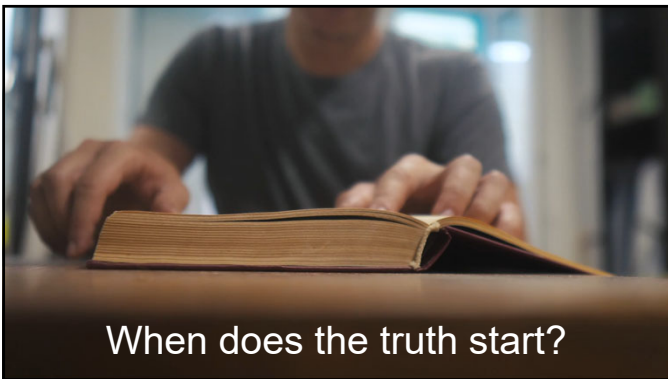
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**Parable of the Sower**

- △ Seed = the Word of God/Kingdom
- △ Birds by the Wayside
- △ Stony Soil
- △ Thorns
- △ Fertile Soil

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**Parable of the Sower**

- △ the devil **comes and takes away the word** **DISBELIEF**
- △ have **no root**, who believe for a while **DOUBT**
- △ choked with **cares, riches, and pleasures** **DISTRACTION**
- △ **good ground** are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. **ROOTS DEEPENING BELIEF**

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**Parable of the Sower**

- △ "Because it **had no root**, it withered away..."
- △ Matthew 13:5-6: "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up **because they had no depth of earth**. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because **they had no root** they **withered away**."
- △ Matthew 13:20-21: "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he **has no root in himself**, but **endures only for a while**. For when **tribulation** or **persecution** arises **because of the word**, immediately he stumbles."
- △ **Tribulation**: a pressing, pressing together, pressure, oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits.
- △ **Persecution**: "to put to flight, drive away."

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Luke 8:13: "But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and **these have no root**, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away."

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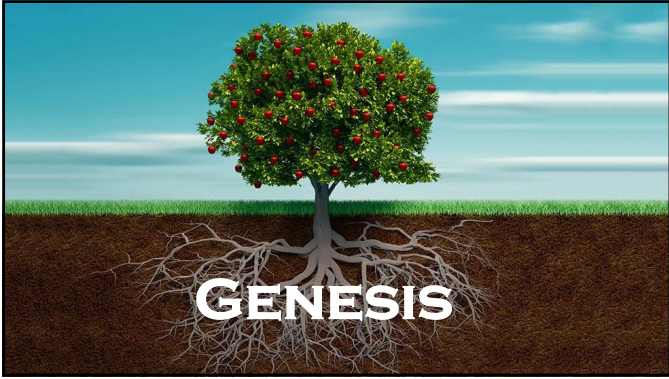
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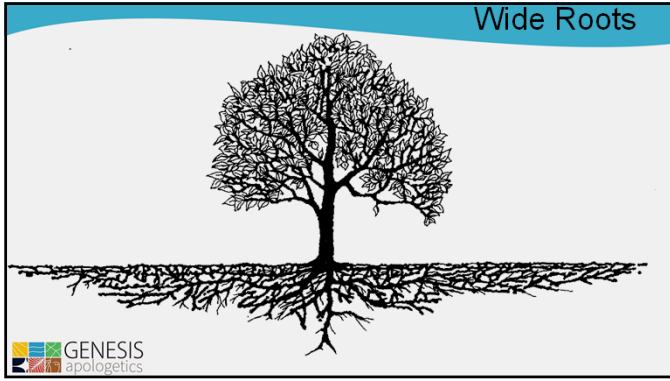
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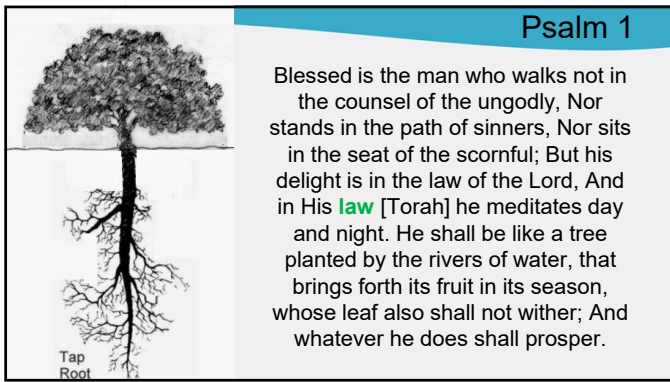
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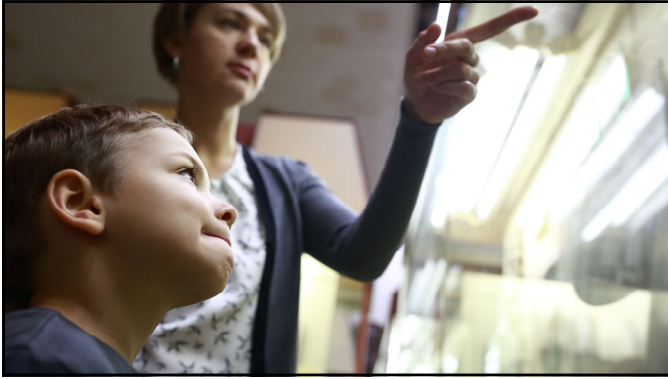
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**Biblical Creation Apologetics vs. Other Apologetics Topics**

**Biblical Creation**

- 🔹 Formation of Earth
- 🔹 Biology
- 🔹 Origins
- 🔹 Epic Floods



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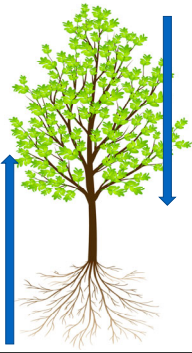
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**The "Truth Tree" Metaphor**



- 🔹 **Philosophical/Cultural Apologetics**
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  - 🔹 Vxenrfwr #kh #qiochqfh # #fExoxuh
  - 🔹 F kdqj h #ru #yhu | # hqhudwrq
- 🔹 **Genesis 1-11 History**
  - 🔹 Vrdg #lqg #zv #lj #yhu #p h
  - 🔹 Z lkvw dggv #fkdqj lj # lgg # #fExoxuh
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**The "Truth Tree" Metaphor**



- ⚠ If your faith starts at the top of the tree **and stays** there, your faith won't last long.
- ⚠ But if your faith starts at the bottom of the tree and goes up, you'll have a different worldview and your faith will be grounded and strong.
- ⚠ The further away one goes from the roots, the more susceptible they will be to the winds of culture and change.
- ⚠ The arguments higher up the tree are only strong if the roots are strong.

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**The "Truth Tree" Metaphor**

- ⚠ Without knowing that the Bible is **historically true** and **scientifically credible**, one will be more inclined to sway to philosophies of this world.
- ⚠ If people really understand concretely, from an actual historical standpoint, that Genesis actually unfolded as plainly written, they will have a solid faith and the rest of the "truth tree" will fall into place and be stronger.




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**The "Truth Tree" Metaphor**

- ⚠ **Luke 9:26:** "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels."
- ⚠ **Colossians 2:6-8:** "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."
- ⚠ **Ephesians 4:14-16:** "... we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ."
- ⚠ **1 Timothy 6:20-21:** "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust [see 6:14], avoiding profane and vain babblings, and the oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith."




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